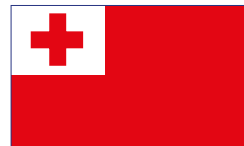




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SPC Work Plan in Tonga



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The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2017 in cooperation with Tonga. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of Tonga and achieve its national development priorities. SPC's key regional work is presented in the Pacific Community Results Report.

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Goal 1: The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth				
Fisheries				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Support the sustainable development of aquaculture	Completed	National OIE - World Organisation for Animal Health report on Aquatic Animal Health Code updated	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		Ongoing	Aquatic biosecurity risks assessed, and aquatic biosecurity plans or standards developed	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev, DFAT
		Ongoing	Capacity development provided to government and farmers in aquatic biosecurity	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		Ongoing	Capacity development provided to government and farmers in feed, seed and broodstock management	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev, DFAT
		Ongoing	Technological transfer facilitated in feed, seed and broodstock management	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev, DFAT
		On Track	Pearl industry development, establishment of baseline surveys	ACIAR: Support for Pearl Industry Development in Fiji, Tonga, PNG
	Provide analyses and advice for evidence-based fisheries management	On Track	New or revised national legislation for coastal fisheries and aquaculture drafted / progressed	MFAT
		On Track	Coastal fisheries policies and management plans reviewed, updated or developed	Core, MFAT, programme funding
		On Track	Support for coastal fisheries monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement, database and training	MFAT
	Support capacity development in fisheries and aquaculture among PICTs	On Track	Support provided for coastal fisheries resource or ecosystem surveys and assessments	Core, MFAT, DFAT programme funding
	Enhance data collection and provide data management services for fisheries and marine ecosystems	Ongoing	Provision of new and updated internet-based tools to acquire and manage tuna fishery data	GEF, programme funding, E-Reporting and E-Monitoring
		Ongoing	Support provided to users of SPC-developed Tuna Fisheries Data Management Systems, through the Oceanic Fisheries Programme (OFP) Helpdesk via 'Slack' online collaboration platform	GEF, Programme funding
		Ongoing	Purse-seine or longline logsheet data processed at SPC on behalf of member countries	Core, GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Port-sampling or unloading data received and processed at SPC on behalf of member countries	Core, GEF, programme funding

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		Completed	Participants attend 11th Tuna Data Workshop. Support provided to prepare and submit national annual catch estimates	Tuna Data Workshop (WCPFC capacity building)
		Completed	Country assisted with Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) reporting obligations, particularly with the WCPFC Annual Report Part 1 (related to its fleet's activities in the WCPFC Convention Area)	Core, GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Provision of tuna fishery data summaries responding to various ad hoc national requests (e.g. for access negotiation briefs, etc.)	Core, GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Support the development of electronic reporting mechanisms and technologies for improved fisheries data quality and flow - Including in-country training and support	Electronic Reporting
	Provide analyses and advice for evidence-based fisheries management	Ongoing	Ongoing work provided in oceanic fisheries as the 'science provider' to the WCPFC (includes WCPFC members and participating territories)	WCPFC
		Ongoing	Scientific analyses, advice and technical support provided to Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)	Core, Programme funding
		Completed	National bio-economic analyses of longline fisheries	GEF
		Completed	Report on the distribution of fishing within the EEZ	GEF
		Completed	Report on seasonality and value of longline bycatch	GEF
		Completed	Data analysis and advice to support national management of key oceanic species, country-specific assessments	Programme funding, GEF
		Completed	Participants attend introductory or advanced regional Stock Assessment Workshop to build capacity in analysis of ocean stock assessment methods and results	Programme funding
		Ongoing	Scientific analyses, advice and technical support provided to the Tokelau Arrangement	Core, Programme funding, MFAT
		Ongoing	Analyses and outreach in support of development of harvest strategies for western and central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) tuna stocks	WCPFC, MFAT
		Ongoing	Secure national web pages delivering country-specific scientific advice on the status of oceanic fisheries resources updated and enhanced	GEF

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Forestry, land use, agriculture				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Strengthened development and management of natural resources, systems and processes	Ongoing	Progress toward adopting a modern Geodetic Reference Frame that underpins fundamental geospatial systems and applications	OCG Geodetics
	Enhanced management and accessibility of information and data by PICTs and strengthened coordination of knowledge networks	On Track	Capacities and priorities of Lands and Survey Departments mapped and departments informed of the activities and outcomes of the Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Strategy	OCG Geodetics
	Capacity to make evidence-based policy decisions on food security, sustainable resource management and economic growth strengthened	On Track	Regional repository of national Agriculture Policy Banks developed in the PAFPNet portal (infrastructure in place for Tonga)	Agriculture Policy
		Completed	Baseline Study and National Policy Inventory and Analysis (Tonga as part of 15 Pacific countries; to be published)	Agriculture Policy
		Ongoing	Tonga consulted in the development of several agriculture policy frameworks (draft Pacific Regional Extension Strategy)	Agriculture Policy
	Development of sustainable forestry, agriculture, and land use plans, policies, and legislation supported	On Track	Training programme conducted for implementation of sandalwood regulation	Forests and Trees - Sandalwood Assistance
		On Track	Development of the Tonga sandalwood Chain of Custody certification system	Forests and Trees - Sandalwood Assistance
		On Track	Tonga Forest Management Plan (FMP) finalised, and implementation strategy developed for Tonga Code of Forestry and Tonga FMP	Forests and Trees - Asia-Pacific Forestry Network
	Minerals and water			
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Strengthened assessment and monitoring of natural resources, systems and processes	Ongoing	Technical support for maintaining regional sea-level monitoring stations - Tide gauges are fully operational and deliver high-quality sea-level and meteorological data	Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific

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		On Track	Relocation and upgrade of Tonga sea level monitoring station is completed	Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific
		Ongoing	Levelling survey of tide gauges and associated land monitoring stations - Tide gauges are operational and deliver precise water-level information and continuous operating geodetic stations monitor ground movement	OCG Geodetics
	Enhanced management, and accessibility, of information and data by PICTs and strengthened coordination of knowledge networks	Ongoing	Printed annual tide calendar received by relevant agencies, and available online to public - Tidal fact sheet and additional information and improvements are included with tide calendars for Nuku'alofa and Vava'u following a user survey	Ocean Information and Knowledge Management
		On Track	In-country oceans and tidal data training and stakeholder engagement is delivered, with a local action plan developed to support continued coordination of oceans information for decision making	Ocean Information and Knowledge Management
	Natural resources developed and managed and governance strengthened	Ongoing	Maritime baseline, zone, limits and boundaries developed for PICs - Provision of appropriate maritime boundaries data, support and advice to enable countries to develop technical/legal solutions	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
		Ongoing	Technical solutions prepared with PICs for shared/overlapping EEZ - Technical support for preparations for negotiation meetings	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
Mobility, private enterprises, phytosanitary and biosecurity standards supporting trade				
2. Improve pathways to international markets (mobility, private enterprises, phytosanitary and biosecurity standards supporting trade)	Increased capacity of PICTs to meet standards, guidelines, and conditions for exports and domestic trade - Improved information available on plant and animal health status	Ongoing	Market access information systems updated and maintained	Biosecurity and Trade Support / Animal Health
		Ongoing	Technical support services provided to PICTs for preparedness in animal health emergency disease response	Animal Health
		On Track	Paravet training - Sampling frame training completed; samples to be tested	Animal Health - Paravet Training (2013 NZ Services Agreement)
	Development of pesticide stock management system	On Track	Pesticide registration system harmonised in FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) member countries	Plant Health

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Transport and energy				
3. Strengthen sustainable transport and energy security	Strong leadership in the Pacific's energy and transport sector, with good governance, effective multi-sectoral coordination and strategic partnerships, including monitoring and evaluation	Ongoing	Training courses and support facilities developed and established in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
		Ongoing	Climate change adaptation (CCA) and Sustainable Energy (SE) training networks strengthened	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
		Completed	Tonga port audits conducted on Port Safety and Security	DFAT Programme Funding for Transport Programme (2014-2016)
	Development and implementation of effective policies, plans and regulatory frameworks supported	Completed	International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) - initial port audit conducted on Queen Salote Wharf	DFAT Programme Funding for Transport Programme (2014-2016)
Development statistics				
4. Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress	PICTs are producing the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors including but not restricted to economics, population, CRVS, education and health, as required by their national plans and agreed regional and international reporting frameworks	On Track	Data analysis and reporting for Census Analytical Report from 2016 Tonga Census finalised	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		Completed	Work attachment provided for Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) report writing - Completed data edits, data quality audit/assessment; production of standard statistical tables, final uni-record database, metadata documentation	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017

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	PICTs have the technical capacity to manage and implement all core statistical collections, including key administrative databases, as required by national development plans, including national strategies for the development of statistics	On Track	Data converted to Census and Survey Processing System (CSPPro) and batch editing completed	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Draft TNDS Questionnaire available for circulation to all stakeholders for review - First version of questionnaire to be completed and sent for further confirmation and agreement before pilot testing	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Rebased consumer price indices; compilation manual produced	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Business register up and running - Systems in place to compile data for economic activities underreported in national accounts - Newly appointed trade statistician trained - Upskilling of staff compiling International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) completed	Statistics NZAID 2014-2019
		On Track	Monitoring survey procurement process to ensure all supplies, equipment and materials are secured prior to training and fieldwork - TNDS procurement processes established within framework of Tonga Government guidelines	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Pilot training and fieldwork completed to test methods and field operations for survey	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Technical assistance provided to develop country capacity to improve systems for registering and reporting information on births and deaths	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		Completed	Changes applied to Tonga Education Management Information System (EMIS) code base - Improved and upgraded Tonga EMIS with agreed additional functionality	DFAT Strengthening EMIS in the Pacific 2015-2017
		On Track	Fieldworkers trained on data collection and fieldwork logistics and arrangements	DFAT Strengthening EMIS in the Pacific 2015-2017
Goal 2: Pacific communities are empowered and resilient				
Climate change and disasters				
5. Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters	Strengthen assessment and monitoring of natural resources, systems and processes	On Track	Establishment of geographic information system (GIS) database for data relevant to assessing risk	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Equipment procured for the Military Emergency Communications Centre on Vava'u	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Finalisation of design and tender documents for MET/NEMO building	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)

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		On Track	Attendance at Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance (PIEMA) coordination meetings supported	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Re-establishment of Emergency Communications Centre	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Community Based Disaster Risk Management support for National Framework and subnational awareness and training	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Finalisation of design and tender documents for MET/NEMO building	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Repair of Military Emergency Communications Centre on Vava'u	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Support for Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Two nurseries established in partnership with Ministry of Agriculture to support coastal replanting schemes for at risk communities as a climate change adaptation measure, as identified in the Joint National Action Plan	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Decision support tools incorporating disaster risk reduction developed and adapted	Pacific Resilience Programme
		On Track	Impact forecasting tool to support early warning capacity of national observatories and disaster management offices developed and adapted	Pacific Resilience Programme
		On Track	PSU established and implementation support provided for regional and national activities - Ongoing support for Samoa and Tonga in finalising procurement plans and activities	Pacific Resilience Programme
Human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity and opportunities for young people				
6. Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity and opportunities for young people	Pacific peoples adapt to their changing environment while protecting and promoting their rights, assets and identity	On Track	Report of recommendations from the workshop on strengthening the role of central agencies in governments in supporting gender mainstreaming across government policies, programmes and services	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs

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		On Track	Gender Equality: Where do we Stand? Tonga (stakeholder consultations, compilation and analysis of statistics and related information for publication - workshops)	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Tonga Census 2016 Gender fact sheet	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	Film production project undertaken in Tonga and PNG - 6 local film productions supporting emerging film makers in Tonga and PNG	Culture – Commonwealth Foundation
		On Track	Outputs identified to strengthen capacity for gender mainstreaming through South-South exchange	Communications
		Ongoing	Increased capacity of Women's Affairs Division to implement gender mainstreaming	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Tonga gender mainstreaming guide	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
	Effective shared agendas, regional platforms and institutions	On Track	Report of recommendations from the regional conference of Pacific women and Ministers and Senior Government Officials Meeting (2-5 October 2017)	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Support for engagement on gender equality and exchange and learning - Organisation of 13th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	National Culture Policy Peer Review and Learning meeting	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group
		Ongoing	Work with Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC) to compile data on the cultural dimensions of the ocean	Culture – Cross Sectoral Work
		Ongoing	Progressing recommendations from the Mid-Term Review of the Regional Culture Strategy - Investing in Pacific Cultures 2010-2020 and resource mobilisation strategies at national and regional levels	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group
		On Track	Regional Culture Strategy review working group	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group
		Ongoing	Mapping of distribution of development support – to identify gaps and reach	PYDF Regional Coordination

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		On Track	Strategic communication - Technical assistance provided to LGBTI Youth-net to develop strategic communication strategy and facilitate online dialogue for policy engagement	PYDF Regional Coordination
		On Track	Partnership with Commonwealth Secretariat, International Labour Organization (ILO) and Pacific Youth Council (PYC) to advance strategic policy commitments to youth entrepreneurship; Partnership with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to strengthen evidence base on youth unemployment	PYDF Regional Coordination
		On Track	Pacific Regional Youth Think Tank Symposium conducted	PYDF Regional Coordination
		On Track	State of Pacific Youth report and regional youth indicators published through multi-agency partnership	PYDF Regional Coordination
		Ongoing	Technical assistance provided to develop Pacific Young Women's Leadership Alliance (PYWLA) structure and strategic plan - Engagement of PYWLA at Triennial Conference of Pacific Women facilitated	Youth engagement
		On Track	Establishment of LGBTI Youth-net through partnership and provision of technical assistance to Pacific Sexual Diversity Network	Youth engagement
	Women and girls have increased access to justice in cases of domestic violence	Ongoing	Family Protection Act justice sector service providers (police, judiciary) trained	RRRT/DFAT
		Ongoing	Access to Justice project implemented (providing free legal services)	RRRT/DFAT
		Completed	Bench book established to assist justice service providers in Family Protection legislation	RRRT/DFAT
		Ongoing	Family Protection Act reviewed	RRRT/DFAT
	Civil society and communities promote human rights, gender equality and EAW	Ongoing	Women in Leadership training conducted	RRRT/DFAT
		Ongoing	Coalition in-country mentoring provided through Pacific People Advancing Change (PPAC) project	RRRT/Pacific Leadership Program
		Ongoing	Civil society Universal Periodic Review (UPR) stakeholder reports supported	RRRT/DFAT

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Goal 3: Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives				
Non-communicable diseases and food security				
7. Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases and food security	Establish accountability mechanisms to enable PICTs to assess progress on key non-communicable diseases (NCD) indicators	Ongoing	Accountability frameworks/mechanisms developed and disseminated (e.g. Monitoring Alliance for NCD Action (MANA) Dashboard)	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
	Enhance NCD prevention and control by strengthening the commitment of multiple sectors	Ongoing	Assistance for development of national plans of action on food security in accordance with Pacific Leaders' commitments towards a food-secure Pacific	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
	Strengthen healthy public policy and legislation in all relevant sectors	Completed	Staff trained to support enforcement of NCD policies (e.g. NCD and Law training)	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation - (PPRP activity 7.2.4)
	Build capacity and knowledge for effective implementation/action	Not Started	Staff trained in nutrition and NCD risk factors	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation - (PPRP activity 7.2.3)
		Not Started	Support provided to strengthen national diabetes associations	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.4)
		Ongoing	Information, education and communication resources needs identified, and information distributed	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.6)
	Strengthen high political leadership and ownership at national and regional level	Completed	Senior public servants attend relevant training courses or inter-country shared learning programme	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
	Agrobiodiversity conserved	Ongoing	Safety maintenance of Pacific regional crop and tree collections strengthened to ensure Tonga has crop reserves ready to respond quickly to disaster	Global Crop Diversity Trust Regeneration & Safety Duplication Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme

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		Ongoing	Mass plant propagation, using bioreactors, screening, preparation, and distribution of improved crop diversity (nutrient-rich, pest and disease resistant, climate-resilient)	Global Crop Diversity Trust Regeneration & Safety Duplication Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
	Improve resilience of food production systems	Ongoing	Provision of technical assistance on screening, evaluation and documentation of new resilient crop varieties	FAO Treaty Access Benefit Sharing - climate change
		Ongoing	Resilience of Pacific agricultural systems to climate change strengthened	CePaCT - (FAO Treaty Access Benefit Sharing)
	Improve the dissemination and adoption of agricultural production technologies	On Track	Rural Advisory Services (RAS) capacity increased to effectively service the farming community	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
Public health surveillance				
8. Strengthen regional public health surveillance and response	Strengthen policy development and strategic planning for a coordinated response to effective implementation	Ongoing	PICTs supported to develop/update and implement their national surveillance and outbreak/disaster preparedness and response plan(s)	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	HIV and sexually transmitted illness (STI) situation in the region updated, and Global AIDS Response Report facilitated every year	PHD REI work
	Improve capacity and standards of PICT laboratories	On Track	Support provided for developing/updating HIV testing policy, guideline development and updates	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	Support provided for strengthening L1 lab capacity for HIV/STI testing and screening, including lab-based surveillance	PHD REI work
	Improve quality of surveillance and reporting at country level	Ongoing	PICTs supported to collate and analyse HIV/STI related data	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	Sexual Reproductive Health National Strategic Plan implementation status and updates mapped out	PHD REI work

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Education quality				
9. Improve education quality	Improve performance of teachers and principals	On Track	National and regional benchmarks and enabling policies are in place to improve education systems' performance	Pacific Benchmarking for Education Results
		On Track	National principal attributes/criteria developed; education officers trained; implementation manual and programme developed; data analysis and report produced on effectiveness of principal performance	EQAP Research Section
	Provide high-quality programmatic technical services and policy advice	On Track	Pacific Register of Qualifications database updated with (i) accredited qualifications, (ii) registered institutions, (iii) professional associations and members, and (iv) accrediting agencies	EQAP Accreditation
	Raise student achievement in literacy and numeracy	On Track	Technical assistance provided for assessment and monitoring of literacy, numeracy, and life skills in the Pacific	Improving Literacy and Numeracy
		On Track	Improved capacity for development of intervention resources and consequently for teaching of literacy and numeracy	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning
		On Track	Capacity enhanced for unpacking learning outcomes, and development and identification of skills bands for consistency of teaching and assessment	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning
	Strengthen national accreditation and assessment systems	On Track	Relevant technical and advisory support for accrediting agencies and education and training institutions provided	EQAP Accreditation
		On Track	Improved capacity of education officers, teachers, and school leaders to improve quality of regional qualifications and support process of national examinations	Regional Qualifications and Assessment for Learning